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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	08/770,792
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**
   a. ☒ Previously submitted
      i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on __November 4, 2002__
         (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
      ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
      iii. ☐ Other _____
   b. ☐ Enclosed
      i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
      ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
      iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
      iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**
   a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) **required**)
   b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fee** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.
   a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. __06-1050__
      i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
      ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
      iii. ☒ Other __Any deficiencies__
   b. ☒ Check in the amount of $ __750__ enclosed
   c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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